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RICHARD STONE  
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UNIQUE MINERALS  
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Dear Mr. Stone:

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DIVISION OF  
OIL, GAS AND MINING

We received your letter of August 6, 2001, and have changed our records to indicate the address of record of Unique Minerals Inc. (UMI). However, we wish to clarify that our contact with UMI is limited to the appeal before the Interior Board of Land Appeals, docket #2000-251. We assume that you have also notified the other parties affected by the appeal of the change of address.

Your 43 CFR 3809 Notice case file located in Section 24, T. 17 S., R. 13 W. indicates that you as an individual are the operator, not Unique Minerals, Inc. If you wish, you may obtain from the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM), a Notice of Intent to Transfer Small Mining Operation and change the operator of record for the mine.

43 CFR §3809.3-7 states:

"All Operations shall maintain the site, structures and other facilities of the operations in a safe and clean condition during any non-operating periods. All operators may be required, after an extended period of non-operation for other than seasonal operations, to remove all structures, equipment, and other facilities and reclaim the site unless he/she receives permission from the authorized officer to do otherwise."

Your operation has been in shutdown status for two years now. There appears to be no reason to defer reclamation of the site any longer. Therefore, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, you should commence reclamation consisting of:

1. Removing all equipment and debris from the site (should be finished by 9/15/01).
2. Reshaping the mine site and the road leading to it to a natural contour (should be finished by 10/15/01).
3. Spreading topsoil over the disturbed areas, bringing in additional organic material if necessary (should be completed by 11/15/01).



## 4. Planting a seed mixture consisting of:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>lbs/acre</u>
Black Sagebrush	<u>Artemisia nova</u>	1
Indian Ricegrass	<u>Oryzopsis hymenoides</u>	1
Ladak Alfalfa	<u>Medicago setiva</u>	1
Nordan Crested Wheatgrass	<u>Agropyron cristatum</u>	3
Shadscale	<u>Atriplex confertifolia</u>	2
Yellow Sweetclover	<u>Melilotus officinales</u>	4

Once the seed is applied, it should be bedded by raking and harrowing. For optimal growth, it should be completed by 12/15/01.

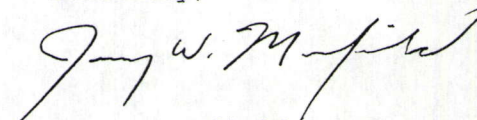
As noted above, you may opt to change the operator for the operation. However, we will not give permission to delay reclamation any longer unless you or the new operator opts to comply with the new 43 CFR 3809 regulations, a copy of which was sent to you on March 29, 2001.

Compliance with the new regulations would require that you submit a Plan of Operations for the mining activity, even though it currently disturbs less than five acres. In addition, a reclamation bond must also be submitted. We are currently expecting guidance for calculation of reclamation bonds; until we receive that guidance we will accept a reasonable estimate of the cost. UDOGM requires \$5000 an acre for an interim bond calculation, which would calculate to approximately \$10,000 for your operation.

If we do not receive the Plan of Operations and the interim bond, or if reclamation does not commence within 30 days of receipt of this letter, a notice of noncompliance may be issued to you as the operator, and subsequently, to the eight original claimants for the claim upon which the disturbance is located.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (435)743-3125.

Sincerely,



Jerry Mansfield  
Geologist

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